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Buenos Aires  
La Plata, December 8, 1977.

Mr. James Carter  
President of the United  
States of America  
WHITE HOUSE - WASHINGTON D.C.

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Dear Mr. President:

Before saying what I feel about your position on "Human Rights" - especially connected to my country, Argentina - I must let you know that my ancestors are Scottish, that I was born in Argentina and that I love my country more than my own life.

I am fifty two years old and I have been always an admirer of the United States of America, and of course of your people and of the Public men you have had. I have made more than ten trips to your country and visited the principal cities of the North, East and South. So I am entitled to speak proudly about the great nationalistic spirit of your people, who have the same strong feelings I have for my country.

You may then realize that I am neither a child, nor a young man. I have seen and lived many political periods in Argentina, and I must tell you that the one that finished on March 24, 1976, was one of the most dangerous we ever had in our history. The same enemy you have, and against which you fought in Korea and Vietnam, killing them with bullets, burning them with napalm, splitting them to pieces with bombs, and in other words destroying them with all kind of modern and sophisticated weapons, has been our enemy for the last five years. Or possibly more.

Your country has lost many lives of good American people. But I think that those lives and your country has done a good and noble work for the Christian and Western world. You have been a real barrier against communism. We praise and shall always remember that sacrifice of your people.

Our government is now fighting against the same enemy you fought in Korea and Vietnam. They have declared a war against us, a deadly and treacherous war, killing members of our armed and police forces; civilians; and blasting away all kind of properties and innocent human lives with bombs all along our territory. They issue war bulletins each time they

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kill an officer or member of our military and security forces, or a manager or member of a private association. Has one of these bulletins ever reached your hands?

For your information, I enclose three clippings of the newspaper "EL DIA", published in the City of La - Plata, where I live. It is an entirely independent and non-official newspaper. Please read them carefully, dear Mr. President. According to the clipping letter "A" you may learn about the way these criminals carry on their "war". They killed a corporal of the Police of the Province of Buenos Aires, who was doing his duty guarding a Bank. He was also burned by the female criminal. The shots fired by the criminals killed a boy of 3 years of age and wounded two more civilians. In the same day another corporal of the same Police was killed. According to the clipping "B" you may learn how our Military and Security Forces do their job. They reached the place where the criminals were hiding and they were received with a strong shooting against them; two criminals were killed in this combat and one of them had murdered a Captain of the Army on October 8, 1976. And according to the clipping letter "C" you may learn that - these criminals are submitted to trial and legally condemned. You may see that the three clippings correspond to the same day.

These are the "people" whose "Human Rights" you are struggling to defend. I could send you hundreds of similar information.

We became tired of having this kind of information every day in Argentina, and therefore we know and - feel now that the only way to fight against this kind of criminals, is using war methods. If you know some other method, some other magic method, give it to us immediately instead of banning our daily and legal combat against the common enemy - our countries have.

Argentiniens that love their country, in a true and honest way, are backing up this fight with all their heart. Luckily, this war is coming to an end.

If you maintain you position, then unfortunately we must say that if you are not allied to our mortal enemy, you have at least, friendly feelings for this enemy. And therefore unfriendly feelings towards our country. This is a straight and logical concept that cannot be destroyed - with the facts we have before our eyes, until now. My personal opinion is that there is no other way to understand this - matter.

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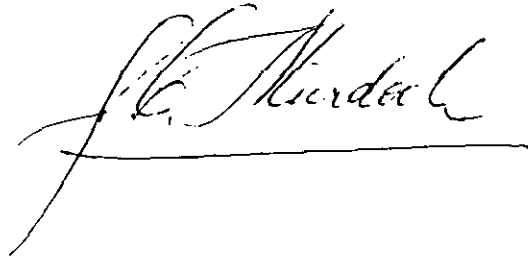
Please convince us that we are mistaken about the real intentions of your political position towards our country, and others of South America.

I beg God to guide your mind and heart, in order to govern your country with happiness and peace. I also beg God not to give your Military and Security Forces, the nasty and tremendously difficult task to fight every day against the "Left Guerrillas" within your own territory. To fight against an enemy that does not use a uniform.

Yours sincerely,

Jorge C. Murdoch

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J.C. Murdoch', with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

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